

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC General Information on KVP

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 11 July to 7 August 1953

REMARKS

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1. Between 22 and 24 July 1953, the VP installations in Hutweide and Niederschlag near Annaberg were occupied as previously by each about 400 KVPs. The personnel was restricted to quarters. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in Hutweide.<sup>1</sup>
2. Between 11 July and 7 August, the Reil Kaserne in Halle was occupied as previously by about 700 KVPs who wore yellow-bordered black epauletts. The personnel allegedly was mainly engaged in duty in barracks. Sentries observed included NCOs. Source was not able to determine the occupation of the Kluever Kaserne. The installation was also guarded by NCOs. Motor vehicle [redacted] was seen at driving school practice.<sup>2</sup>
3. On 15 July a VP of the artillery unit in Torgau, who was hospitalized in Halle, stated that, on 17 June, his unit had transferred from Torgau to Potsdam and had returned in early July.<sup>3</sup>
4. On 4 August, Lieutenant Lehms (fnu), executive officer of the administrative officer of the KVPD Loebau, stated that the position of the commanding officer in Loebau was unoccupied and that a new commander was expected to arrive from Dienststelle 3000 in Dresden. A culture house for 1,000 persons allegedly will be built in the old barracks installation at the eastern exit of Loebau. Trucks [redacted] and [redacted] were seen in the installation.<sup>4</sup>
5. On 6 August, a KVP officer school headed by Colonel Leverenz (fnu), was determined in the Oranienburg Castle. Lieutenant Colonel Trampenau (fnu) was deputy commander. Students of the course wore black collar patches, and officers yellow-bordered black collar patches. A guard detail stationed in the low wooden buildings behind the castle had green collar patches.<sup>5</sup>
6. Between 20 and 29 July, the former Plant II of the ROW in Rathenow was occupied as previously by an estimated 300 VPs, who wore crimson collar patches. The unit was headed by Major Hinze (fnu); and Senior Lieutenant Germer (fnu) was ordnance officer. No heavy weapons other than the six AT guns previously reported were observed. On 24 July,

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trucks [REDACTED] each occupied by about 25 VPs, equipped with entrenching tools, were again seen leaving the installation toward Neue Schleuse (new lock).<sup>6</sup>

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7. On 27 July, the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock was occupied by about 200 to 300 VPs wearing crimson service color and allegedly including about 70 percent officers. Lieutenant Colonel Wildner (fnu) was commanding officer. The VPs practiced map reading in the terrain and compass orientation. No heavy weapons were observed. Trucks [REDACTED] were observed.<sup>7</sup>

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8. On 29 July, a KVP NCO stationed in Spremberg stated that three training battalions totaling about 1,100 KVPs, mostly wearing blue and black-bordered blue and a few red-bordered green collar patches, were stationed there. The NCO further stated that about 350 KVPs had recently been discharged; the unit was headed by Major Heinz Wolf from Koenigsberg; Senior Lieutenant Engemann from Liegnitz was supply officer; the unit was equipped with 12 T-34 tanks 6 x 37-mm AT guns and 24 trucks, including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and that firing practices were daily held at the firing range.<sup>8</sup>

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9. At about 6 p.m. on 21 July, a KVP train of 25 boxcars occupied by each 40 to 50 VPS; and 2 flatcars carrying 3 field kitchens and fuel went from Zittau to Goerlitz, and was subsequently forwarded to Cottbus. The shipment included neither vehicles nor heavy weapons.<sup>9</sup>

10. On 28 July, the former Infanterie Kaserne on Kantstrasse, Zittau, was allegedly occupied by about 5,000 KVPs, who belonged to artillery, tank and engineer units. Four to five trucks towing model-38 122-mm field howitzers daily left the installation for the training area.<sup>10</sup>

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to the same source, the bulk of the Baerenstein, Niederschlag infantry unit transferred to Chemnitz and Marienberg in early July. Rear details apparently are still stationed at the installation.

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- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms the signal school in the Reil Kaserne. According to an unconfirmed statement by a deserter, the driving school from Ammendorf was to move to the Kluever Kaserne in May 1953.

- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. No information is available on the employment in the Berlin area of the Torgau artillery school in June.

- 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. Infantry Unit [REDACTED] which was employed in Berlin after 28 June apparently returned to Loebau on 4 August.

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- 25X1A 5. [REDACTED] Comment. The AAA officer school in the Oranienburg Castle, with the known Colonel Leverenz, is confirmed until 6 August 1953.

- 25X1A 6. [REDACTED] Comment. The unit belongs to the Bereitschaft Kietz. See [REDACTED]

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[ ] Comment. The unit observed was Unit [ ] which apparently was being reorganized. [ ] on 9 July, also reported that the Fuesilier Kaserne was occupied by about 300 men. The bulk of the unit allegedly was employed in the Wismar area. [ ]

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[ ] Comment. According to other information, the 2247th Tk Regt of the [ ] is carried in Spremberg. In addition to this unit, an AAA unit was repeatedly mentioned. According to a deserter, the tank regiment, on 30 July 1953, was headed by Major Brandis (fnu). Officers mentioned in this report are unknown.

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[ ] Comment. The shipment cannot be accounted for. It may have been a shipment of personnel, earmarked for employment in Berlin; it is also possible that source confused the destination and the train went to Weisswasser.

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[ ] Comment. According to statements by several deserters, the artillery regiment and the AAA regiment of the [ ] are carried in Zittau. Tank units and engineers are mentioned in Zittau for the first time.

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